

**CHAPTER NO. 208**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 993**

**By Representative Hargrove**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1237**

**By Senator Haynes**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a), is amended by deleting the language "Independent and primary candidates", and by substituting instead the language "Except for candidates in municipal elections as provided in subdivisions (3) and (4), independent and primary candidates qualifying for an August primary election shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions, including any duplicate nominating petitions required to be filed under §§ 2-5-103 and 2-5-104, no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time, on the first Thursday in the fourth calendar month before the August election. Independent and primary candidates for all other elections".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-101(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "third Thursday in May", and by substituting instead the first Thursday in April".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 13, 1999

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 19th day of May 1999

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR